

THE URBAN FOREST

PEOPLE AND TREES LIVING TOGETHER



ACTIVITIES BOOK



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Hi! My name is **Carlos the Pigeon**. Welcome to the Urban Forest Activities Book. Let me introduce you to some of my friends—nature's friends—who are in this booklet.

First there's **Zoot the Squirrel**. He eats a lot of nuts and reminds us that we need to keep our neighborhoods clean and beautiful so the animals have a healthy place to live.

Then there's **Jackson**. He's a Cool Cat who's into recycling. He roams the neighborhood picking up glass bottles, cans, and newspapers so they can be made into something else.



My good buddy,
Therber the Fix-it Man,



helps keep the neighborhood looking fine.

His friend, **Marge**, pushes her shopping cart 'round

the block, picking up trash and watering flowers and trees.



Last, but certainly not least, is everybody's friend, **Rosa the Ladybug**. Rosa likes to dance and fly around, especially when people protect nature instead of polluting it.



Come help us complete the activities in this book and learn about how to take care of Mother Nature so she'll take care of you.



HUMAN NATURE

VERSE 1

PEOPLE AND TREES CAN GET ALONG WITH EASE,
HUMANS AND NATURE!
GROWING UP TOGETHER IN OUR
COMMUNITIES,
IT'S CALLED HUMAN NATURE!

VERSE 2

TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK AROUND;
YOU'LL BE SURPRISED AT WHAT
YOU'VE FOUND!
A FOREST IN THE CITY—
WAITING TO BE YOUR PLAYGROUND.

VERSE 3

PEOPLE AND TREES CAN GET ALONG WITH EASE,
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TREE WORDS

Help Carlos find the words
that go with trees and
our environment.

"Hey! I only know
bird words!"



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WORD LIST

EVERGREEN
NEEDLE
BARK
SHADE

SAP
ROOT
MOSS
LEAF

FLOWER
PAPER
DECIDUOUS
EARTH

IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

VERSE 1

I'M TELLIN' YOU IT'S NOT SO HARD,
HELPING NATURE STARTS IN YOUR BACK YARD.
ALL YOU NEED IS A SIMPLE PLAN;
IT'LL FALL INTO PLACE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

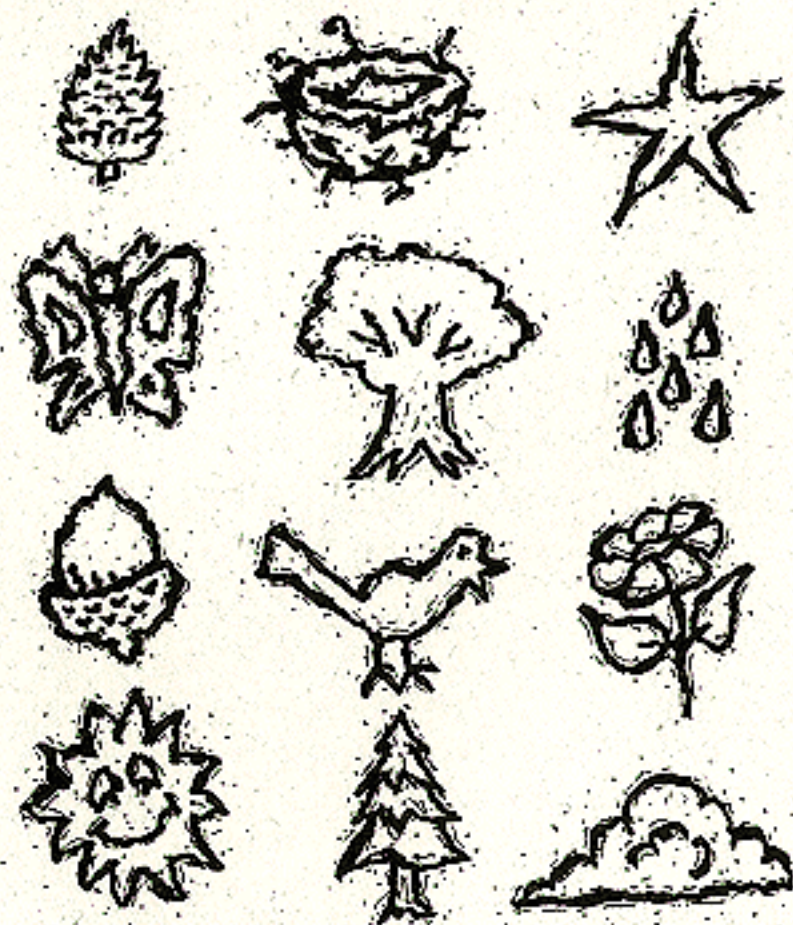
VERSE 2

ALL YOU NEED IS A SIMPLE PLAN;
IT'LL FALL INTO PLACE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
I'M TELLIN' YOU, IT'S NOT SO HARD;
DONT DIS-NATURE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD.
APPRECIATE NATURE WHEREVER YOU ARE!



DRAW A LINE TO THE ITEMS THAT GO TOGETHER.

BIRD	NEST	BUTTERFLY	FLOWER
PINE CONE	EVERGREEN	SUN	STAR
ACORN	HARDWOOD	CLOUDS	WATER



IGNORING YOUR MOTHER

IGNORING THE EARTH IS NOT TOO COOL
SO DONT GET CAUGHT BEING A FOOL.
I'M TELLIN' YOU, YOU CAN DO YOUR PART,
JUST TAKE CARE OF NATURE,
THAT'S REALLY SMART!

Man, this place
could use some
green!



SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO:

1. Plant trees (draw them in the picture).
2. Plant flowers (don't forget: water them).
3. Pull weeds so the grass has room to grow.
4. Build a birdfeeder from a milk carton (draw it hanging in the window).
5. Pick up the paper and trash on the street and throw it in a garbage can.
6. Collect glass bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, and cardboard for recycling.
7. Pick up your toys and other items in the yard.

YOU CAN FIX IT!

Help Therber fix up the neighborhood to make it clean and pretty.



TREES ARE OUR BUDS

VERSE 1

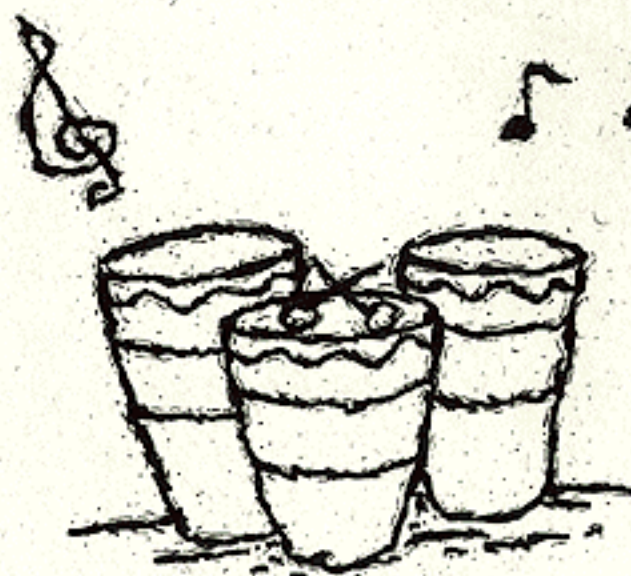
TREES ARE GOOD FRIENDS;
THEY'RE THERE 'TIL THE END.
THEIR FRIENDSHIP WILL NEVER FADE
IF YOU TREAT THEM WELL AND HELP THEM GROW
WITH TREES WE'VE GOT IT MADE!

VERSE 2

TREES ARE GOOD FRIENDS;
THEY PROTECT US FROM WIND.
KEEP US COOL IN THE SHADE.
WITH A TREE YOU'VE GOT IT MADE!

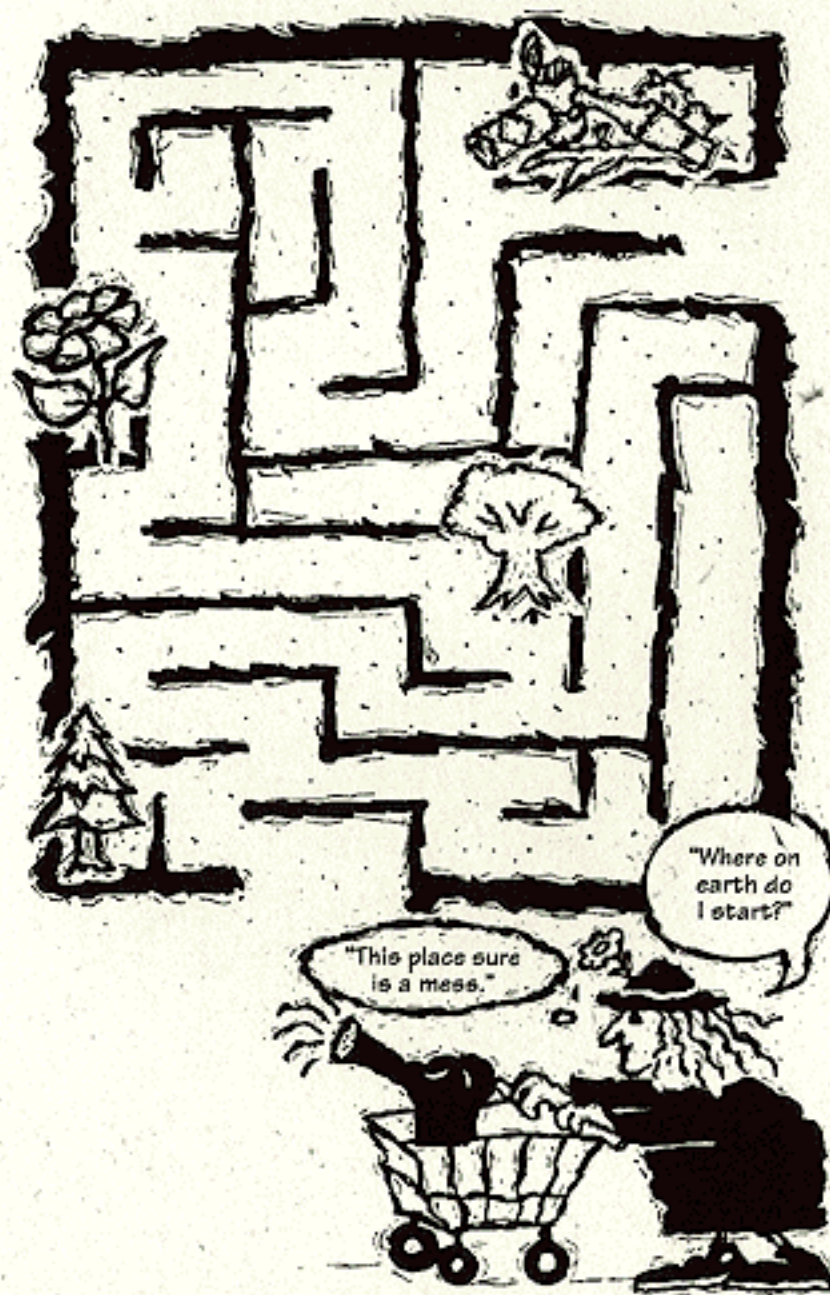
VERSE 3

TREES ARE OUR PALS;
THEY HELP BOOST OUR MORALES.
THEIR FRIENDSHIP WILL NEVER FADE;
YES, WITH TREES, WE'VE GOT IT MADE!



HELP MARGE SAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Help Marge clean up as she finds her way through the neighborhood.



DRESSED IN GREEN

VERSE 1

WHEN YOUR FEELIN UPTIGHT
YOU KNOW ITS ALRIGHT
WHEN THE CITY IS DRESSED.... IN TREES.

VERSE 2

PEOPLE LOVE TO SING AND LOVE TO SMILE
WHEN THE CITY IS DRESSED,
WHEN THE CITY IS DRESSED.... IN TREES.



COLOR THE SEASONS



"The color red makes
me want to fly!"

Rosa the Ladybug loves all the
seasons. Color the picture to
show her what the four seasons
look like in your neighborhood.

SUMMER
SPRING

WINTER
AUTUMN



LEND A HAND TO NATURE

VERSE 1

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART,
HERE'S HOW YOU CAN START:
JUST LOVE THE LAND
AND LEND A HELPING HAND.

VERSE 2

SO COME ON AND TURN A NEW LEAF,
GIVE THE EARTH SOME NEEDED RELIEF.
'STEAD OF THROWING IT DOWN,
MESSIN' UP THE GROUND,
PICK UP THE PAPER AND THE GLASS
AND SHOW THE WORLD YOU'VE GOT SOME
CLASS.



CIRCLE THE RECYCLABLES.

Help Jackson find all the items in the neighborhood
that can be recycled into other things.

ALUMINUM CANS	PLASTIC	METAL
GLASS	PAPER	CARDBOARD
	RUBBER	



YOU CAN HELP PRESERVE THE URBAN FOREST.

Nature is important to all of us no matter where we live . . . even in the city. Nature gives us air to breathe, water and sunshine to make plants and flowers grow, trees to cool the earth. When we pollute the air with chemicals, or chop down trees to make room for buildings or litter the ground with garbage, we destroy the good things nature gives us.

All of us must work together now to protect nature so it will still be here for kids in the future. What can you do? Plenty! You can start by learning about the environment, why it's so important to us, and how we're destroying it. Then you can do things to protect nature like planting flowers and trees in your yard or neighborhood. You can collect glass bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, and cardboard and take them to a recycling center where they can be made into something else. Remember not to litter. And when you see trash on the ground, pick it up and put it in a trash can.

You see? You really can make a difference. So start protecting nature right now!

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